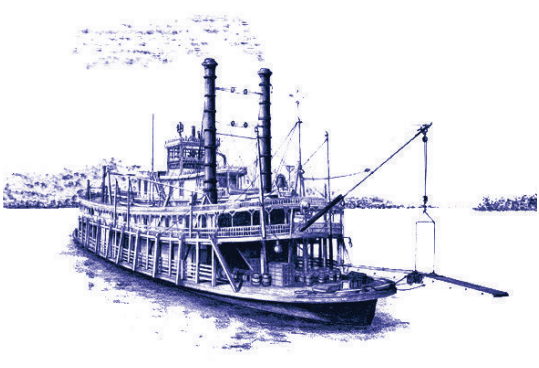






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Brittany Myers-Drabyn and her 2007 teammates inducted by Belmont HOF.

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Trimble officials agree to sell 3 properties

BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Trimble County Fiscal Court approved the sale of three properties in the county — two in the city of Bedford and one on Norvell Road near the Henry County line — at a special meeting on Monday.

The Norvell Road property was acquired in a delinquent tax sale and will be surveyed and sold as surplus property. The former Trimble Banner Building, located across the courthouse square from the current Trimble County Annex, and the Moore Farm

homestead home, located on Ball Lane, also will be surveyed, appraised by three independent appraisals and sold as surplus.

The property with the Moore farm structure is expected to be approximately one-acre; however, the magistrates and judge-executive will walk the property to set tentative boundaries to be surveyed.

A family cemetery located on the Moore farm property is not scheduled to be part of the homestead sale. Fiscal Court is currently considering keeping the cemetery but identifying its boundaries for possible historic

designation.

Once the three appraisals are secured, all three properties will be listed for sale.

Following the special meeting, the court met in a workshop to discuss on-going concerns regarding speed humps at various locations throughout the county.

Considerations considered were traffic counts on the roads in question and whether the roads are well-traveled connectors or just serving residences. The Court also is considering whether the design and standards of the speed humps comply with the Institute of

Transportation Engineer’s Recommended Practice, Guideline for the Design and Application of Speed Humps, and other considerations.

There was also discussion on whether an decision should come by resolution or policy. The magistrates were asked to come to the next regular meeting with a clearer picture of how they would like to proceed.

The court also discussed road standards with regard to accepting roads into the county’s maintenance system. Some of the roads under consideration are currently dirt or

base gravel but to qualify for acceptance into the county road system, they would at least have to up to a “gravel standard” for adoption.

Magistrate Melissa Gibson-Cornish noted that property owners on those roads pay taxes and the county should do what it can to provide service to their roads. “These residents pay county taxes, and we should do what we can to bring them into the road system,” she noted. The next regularly scheduled Fiscal Court meeting is Monday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Meetings can also be joined on the county’s Facebook Live.

Nugent threatens lawsuit against nuisance neighbor

BY PAXTON MEDA GROUP

A Carroll County company has given its neighbor until the end of this month to correct a nuisance — and potentially public health — situation associated with a recycling operation that has been in operation since May.

Operators of Nugent Sand Company, 5503 Highway 36 West, instructed their attorney, Ruth H. Baxter, to send a letter to owners of Waste Reduction Technologies, 61 Hunters Heights Road, Milton, Kentucky, and property owner Engineer Fuels Inc., Madisonville, Kentucky, asking them to correct “noxious odors and polluted water runoff” from that business or face litigation.

Managers at Nugent have been complaining about the recycler since its opening last spring with concerns reaching a highpoint last summer when heavy rains and hot weather exacerbated the runoff and noxious odor, leading Nugent to ask Carroll County and state officials to intervene.

“The odors from the site have physically sickened Nugent employees, as well as third party visitors to their operations. Since the Nuisance Complaint has been filed, Waste Reduction has also been cited by state governmental offices for pollution of both the air and the water,” the letter to Waste Reduction Technologies said. “Nugent has videos of runoff from Waste’s holding pond to and over the Highways into state drainage ditches. Nevertheless, Waste has continued to operate without taking corrective action to reduce and/or eliminate both the odor and the spillage onto Nugent’s lands.”

The problems with noxious odors and putrid runoff are related to the rotting vegetation and food being recycled at the plant, which receives food waste from grocers and potentially other sources for mechanical separation and composting with wood mulch and soil to make a form of fertilizer.

Nugent officials and passersby have complained for months that the area around the property has a sickening odor for those working, living or driving by on KY 36. Prevailing winds have carried the stench even further to properties and homes as far away as the Indiana side of the nearby Ohio River.

“Despite public and private complaints about Waste Reduction’s pollution, the company has continued to cause unreasonable and substantial annoyance to Nugent, its employees and its third party visitors, and the public, and is unreasonably interfering with Nugent’s use and enjoyment of its property,” said the letter. “As the owner of the land, Engineered Fuels Inc., is responsible for its tenant’s conduct and business operations.”

The letter, dated Dec. 1, went on to note that if the “nuisance created on the Engineered Fuels Inc. property is not contained and abated within thirty days ... Nugent has no other alternative but to file a lawsuit against Waste and Engineered Fuels, seeking a temporary injunction prohibiting the business from operating, and seeking a determination that a nuisance exists on the property,



Bob Demaree

The upper level of John Paul Park in the 500 block of West Third Street in downtown Madison.

Revitalization plans in works for historic John Paul Park

BY BOB DEMAREE

A revitalization is being planned for John Paul Park, the city’s oldest park, named after the founder of Madison and dating back to the early 1900s.

The effort is being led by the John Paul Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), rekindling work that had begun several years earlier by Jill Keller when she raised funds through the John Paul

Park Conservancy.

“Jill did tremendous work raising money and developing professional park plans,” said Hilary Beall, but the effort faded away after Keller died in 2014. “She was the leader, the driver, the energy. She

was everything.”

Eventually, the conservancy disbanded and the funds raised went into an endowment at the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson

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Charlie's Beat: Barnes masters the art of living

Whenever I see Bill Barnes walking between his house and his office at the Community Foundation I think to myself, “There goes a guy who is winning at life!” Let’s total up his score, shall we?

Dream job at a non-profit, check! Dream house in an historic and quaint downtown city, just 200 steps from his office, check! Lovely wife and family, friends, community, check, check and check! Now, to top it off, he’s dis-

covered he has a talent for painting and it’s adding a whole new dimension to his life.

And he’s such a nice guy, you can’t even be jealous. You can’t help but be happy for him! (Well, I’m a little jealous of his short-walk commute ... I would have loved that back in my working years.)

“I’m originally from central Illinois,” explains Bill. “I did a stint in the Air Force, and then 19 years working for a gas utility company. But I always had an



CHARLIE ROHLFFING

interest in non-profit and charity work, which is how I made the Madison connection.

“I was on a local hospital board in Illinois, and this fundraising consulting firm came to town to help us out, led by Peter Woodburn and Wayne Kyle. They were based in Madison, as many folks will know. Anyway, I got to know Peter quite well during that time.

“Not long after that hospital project I got a call from the Community Foundation in Madison, Indiana, of all places, and it turns out they were looking for a new direc-

tor. Apparently Peter gave them my name and a recommendation. I came, I interviewed, and I got the job! Keep in mind now, I didn’t know a single thing about the town of Madison.

“So we moved here and right away I could feel the vibe is different, so much energy around arts and culture. So different from the small towns I was used to. I was surprised no one was talking about it more, it was so special. I guess local folks were just used to it. But I could feel it instantly, like the

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Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

OBITUARIES

Matthew Reed Lyon

Matthew Reed Lyon, age 32, of Canaan, IN, entered this life on July 15, 1993, in Commerce Township, MI. He was the loving son of David Matthew and Jennifer Lynn Waters Lyon. He was raised in Livonia, MI, and graduated from Franklin High School in 2012. He then received his associates degree in science from Schoolcraft Community College. He was united in marriage on June 11, 2022, to Jessica Diane Dean at Canaan on the family farm. He moved to Canaan to the family farm in 2019. He had worked for Switzerland County Emergency Medical Services for four years in medical transport. Matthew was currently working for Vehicle Services Group as an assembler in Madison, Indiana. He had been a member of the Alpha Baptist Church and then at the Bethel Baptist Church in Michigan. He was currently attending the Brushy Fork Baptist Church near Canaan, IN. He held membership in the Jeff-Craig Volunteer Fire Department in Vevay, Boy Scouts of America, the Canaan Masonic Lodge No. 581 F. & A.M. and attended the Versailles Masonic Lodge No. 7 F.&A.M. in Versailles, IN. He was an avid gardener raising everything he could imaginable in his large garden. Matthew liked collecting guns, and knives, and enjoyed grilling for family, and friends. He held membership in the Muzzleloader Association and attending the annual Friendship Shoot. He loved watching, Walker Texas Ranger, King of the Hill, Outer Limits, The Twilight Zone, and Yellowstone. Matthew enjoyed the outdoors and being on the family farm. Matthew died on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025, at 12:55 a.m., at his home near Canaan, IN.

Matthew will be missed by his loving wife, Jessica Diane Dean Lyon of Canaan, IN; his parents, David Matthew and Jennifer Lynn Waters Lyon of Canaan, IN; his brother,



Randy Lyon of Canaan, IN; his aunts and his uncles, Kathleen and Tom Rauck of Cincinnati, OH, Abigail and Steve Herin of Canaan, IN, Rebecca Waters of Madison, IN; several cousins and other relatives; his mother in law, Coleen Dean of Dayton, KY; his sister in law, Mary Jo Armstong of Dayton, KY.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gale and Margaret Vestile Lyon and George Jr. and Thelma Dagley Waters; his uncles, Bruce Lyon, Tim Waters and Ken Waters.

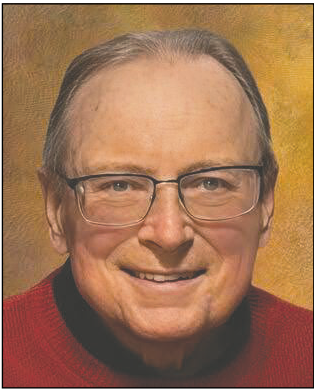
Funeral services will be conducted Monday, Dec. 29, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Chris Clemans at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Canaan Cemetery in Canaan, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 29, 2025, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

The Canaan Masonic Lodge No. 581 F.& A.M. will conduct services on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Brushy Fork Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Paul James Limato Jr.



Paul James Limato Jr., age 72, of Madison, IN, entered this life on July 11, 1953, in Mt. Vernon, NY. He was the son of the late Paul James, Sr. and Donnie Rae Boland Limato. He graduated from Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, FL, and Hyles-Anderson College in Crown Point, IN, with a degree in pastoral theology. On July 5, 1975, he was united in marriage to Paula Faye York in Louisville, KY. This happy union of 50 years was blessed to raise a daughter, Rebekah and a son, Paul James, III.

The family moved from Kokomo, IN, to Madison, in 1984. Rev. Limato taught at Madison Christian Academy from 1984 to 1988. He was presently the minister at Poplar Ridge Baptist Church in Bedford, KY. Rev. Limato

also was the volunteer chaplain for King's Daughters' Hospital and Hospice for many years. He liked to go camping, was an avid Star Trek fan, enjoyed reading, collecting classic movies, puzzles, and model cars, and planes. Paul died on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025, at 3:05 a.m., at the Norton Pavilion Hospital in Louisville, KY. Paul will be missed by his

loving wife of 50 years, Paula Faye York Limato of Madison, IN; his loving daughter, Rebekah Limato Tessitore and her husband, Vincent of Chandler, AZ; his loving son, Paul "Jamie" Limato III and his wife Jessica of Front Royal, VA; his grandchildren, Tyson, Hudson, Velani, Addison, Stella, and Elleson; his uncle and his aunts, Bill Boland, Donna Boland, and Rita Boland; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul J. Limato, Sr., his mother, Donnie Rae Boland Limato, his sisters, Donna Limato, Millie Landin (Larry), and Angelina Limato.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Jamie Limato and Pastor Dwight Coffman at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Donald L. Walp Jr.



Donald L. Walp Jr., age 78, of Deputy, IN, entered this life on Sept. 15, 1947, in Scottsburg, IN. He was the son of the late Donald L., Sr. and Marguerite Wyne Walp. He attended Deputy High School and lived in the Paris Crossing area all of his life. On Aug. 14, 1966, he was united in marriage to Sondra Lou Case, who preceded him in death on Nov. 19, 2019. They shared 53 years of marriage together and were blessed to raise their children, Stephen, Christina, Shannon, and Douglas. Donald was a self-employed logger all of his working career. He was a member of the Coffee Creek Baptist Church in Paris Crossing, IN. Donald enjoyed stock

car racing, hunting, and cutting up wood. Donald died on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025, at 5:40 a.m., at the Hoosier Health and Living in Brownstown, IN. Donald will be missed by his loving daughter, Christina "Christy" Walp Salsman (Steve Marion) of North Vernon, IN; his lov-

ing son, Shannon Greg Walp (Amanda) of Hayden, IN; Douglas Kidwell of Blocher, Indiana, who he raised as a son; his grandchildren, Casey Kyle, Logan, Lindsey, Tyler Paul, Dawson Lane, Alexia and Lela; his great-grandchildren, Camron, Carmen, Cayden; his sister, Regina McIntosh of Vernon, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald L. Walp, Sr., his mother, Marguerite Wyne Walp, his beloved wife of 53 years, Sondra Lou Case Walp, died Nov.19, 2019, his loving son, Stephen Kyle Walp.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Mike Shuler at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Pisgah Cemetery near Deputy, IN. Friends may visit Friday, Dec. 26, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Virgil Warren Adcock Sr., 89, of Carrollton, KY, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, in Louisville. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral-home.com.

Sharon Ann Williams Barbour, 69, of Rising Sun, IN, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025. Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Markland Funeral Home in Rising Sun, with burial in the Rising Sun New Cemetery there, www.marklandfuneralhome.com.

Linda Murl Maiden Johnson, 84, of Carterville, IL, and formerly of Carrollton, Ky, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025, at Memory Care-Manor in Carbondale, IL. Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday, Dec. 27, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Campbellsburg, KY, with interment to follow in the Carrollton I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Robert Clyde Keller, 90, of Commiskey, IN, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2025, at his residence. He

was a U.S. Army veteran. Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Graham Presbyterian Church in Commiskey, with burial to follow in the Graham Presbyterian Cemetery there with military graveside honors. Arrangements by Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon, IN, www.dovesharprudicel.com.

Randall Hal Koons, 83, of North Vernon, IN, and formerly of Patriot, IN, died Dec. 22, 2025, at his home after an extended illness. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Services in North Vernon, with military honors provided by Matt Hester Post 2021 VFW, www.dovesharprudicelfuneralhome.com.

Fredrick Lee "Freddie" Mace, 85, of Lexington, IN, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2025, at his home in Lexington. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, IN, with burial to follow at Barnes

Community Cemetery in New Washington, IN, www.collinsfuneral-home.net.

Samuel Lewis "Sam" Ralston, 87, of Carrollton, OH, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at Altercare Hartville in Hartville, OH. Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 22, at Dodds Funeral Home in Carrollton, with interment and full military rites by the Honor Guard of the Vevay American Legion Post 185 and the Vevay VFW Post 5396 at the Caledonia Cemetery near Moorefield, IN, www.haskelland-morrison.com.

Charles Owen Reid, 65, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Dec.17, 2025, at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion, www.morgan-nay.com.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto 4-13-21-24-29-45 (12/24).
Estimated Jackpot: \$9.3 million. Next Drawing (12/27)
Cash Five: 7-9-15-21-26 (12/24)
Cash 4 Life: 4-17-18-21-60 CB: 4 (12/24)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 10-13-27-31 CB: 7 (12/21)
Lucky For Life: 11-24-27-38-46 LB: 15 (12/21)
MEGAMILLIONS: 15-37-

38-41-64 MB: 21 (12/23).
Next Jackpot: \$125 million. Next Drawing (12/26)
POWERBALL: 4-25-31-52-59 PB: 19, PP 2 (12/24). One ticket sold in Arkansas matched all six numbers in the Wednesday, Dec. 24 draw to win \$1.817 billion jackpot. **Next Estimated Jackpot:** \$20 million. . Next Drawing (12/27)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY:3-15-19-29-35 PB: 21 (12/24). **Next Estimated Jackpot:** Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/27)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 26
Roger Fuhrman
Dec. 27
Rusty Bladen
Terry King
Dec. 28
Betsey Vonderheide
Dec. 29
Martha Harden

Tanya Hess
Jan 1
Don Wood
Jan. 3
Amy Slayden Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 29
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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:57 a.m.
Sunset: 5:28 p.m.
Temperature: High 61, Low 53, Mean 57.0, Excess 17.9
Precipitation since last published: .0
Precipitation, December 2025: 1.61

Precipitation, 2025: 56.45
Barometer 30.18, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.47 feet, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly cloudy High 54/Low 49;
Sunday: Rain High 68/Low 32; **Monday:** Partly sunny High 37/Low 19; **Tuesday:** Partly cloudy High 29/Low 24.

NUGENT

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which is resulting in a diminution of the value of Nugent's property. "In addition to seeking compensatory damages,

Nugent will also claim punitive damages as a result of the refusal of Waste to operate its business to avoid polluting the air and water ways of the area."

In addition to the odor and runoff, Damon Hughes, Vice President of Operations for Nugent, said Nugent

is also concerned that the waste company operating at the site is not registered to do business in Kentucky or Ohio although a company by the same name once originated out of Covington, Kentucky, that was administratively dissolved for not filing

reports, tax returns and other required disclosures in the early 2000s.

He also noted there is "no recorded lease" between the operating company and the owner of the property. "I don't know their legal relationship," Hughes said.



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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY
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Lodgings
Dec. 22, 2025

Brian S. Short, 56, Madison, for Communication-Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug, both Level 6 felonies; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$2,500 cash. Also lodged on a Level 5 felony Jennings County, Indiana, bench warrant hold.

Dec. 23, 2025

Donald Ray Martin III, 33, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash. Esdras Josue Gonzalez Morales, 20, for False Informing/Reporting, a Level 6 felony; and Operating a Vehicle Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Joshua Ryan Morris, 36, Madison, for Domestic Battery and Criminal Confinement, both Level 6 felonies. No bond.

Dec. 24, 2025

Chasity R. Teltow, 51, Deputy, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of a Schedule Drug, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond \$250 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
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Sentencings
Dec. 19, 2025

Amber L. Watson, 32, Madison, to amend sentence for Dealing in Methamphetamine-10 or more grams, a Level 2 felony-2 Counts, to 25 years at Indiana Department of Correction, concurrent, fully executed to begin

Dec. 10, 2025, with credit for 327 days jail served.

Jordan Travis Stewart, 34, Henryville, Indiana, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 12 days jail served and 353 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Christopher A. Hoskins, 36, Madison, to amend sentence for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon, to 6 years at Indiana Department of Correction, consecutive to balance of prior sentence, with 2 years suspended to supervised probation, to begin on Dec. 19, 2025.

Mark Anthony Smith, 43, Madison, to an amended charge of Dealing in a Controlled Substance Resulting in Death, a Level 1 felony. Sentenced to 30 years at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 375 days jail served plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Jeremy Snow, 46, Taylorsville, Kentucky, to amend sentence for Non-Support of a Dependent Child-Prior Conviction, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,440 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 192 days jail served and 1,200 days suspended to supervised probation through Jefferson County Court Services. Defendant can apply for early termination upon successful completion of 545 days probation and payment of all arrearage.

Dec. 22, 2025

Kayden Keller, 23, Madison, to amended charges of Battery on a Person Less Than 14 Years Old and Domestic Battery, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 910 days at Indi-

ana Department of Correction on each count, concurrent, with credit for 140 days jail served and 770 days suspended to supervised probation consecutive to balance of 92 days suspended sentence in prior Public Intoxication conviction, plus \$639 in fees and court costs.

Jerry Lee Cosby, 44, New Washington, Indiana, to Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor-Prior Conviction. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.

Jessica Allison Bishop, 33, New Washington, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$489 in fees and court costs.

Dec. 23, 2025

Drew Curtis Ray Wilson, 28, Madison, to an amended charge of Criminal Confinement, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 34 days jail served and 506 days suspended to supervised probation with first 180 days to be served on home detention with electronic monitor. Sentence to run consecutive to 180 days suspended sentence in separate Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated conviction, plus \$389 in fees and court costs and no contact order(s) to continue as a term of probation.

Samantha Renee Howard, 27, North Vernon, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana and False Informing, both Class B misdemeanors. Sentenced to six days jail, concurrent, on both counts, served, plus \$389 in fees and court costs with defendant's release subject to pending Jennings County, Indiana, warrant.



Handout

Petty Officer 1st Class Lauren Green of Madison, Indiana.

Lauren Green: from small town Indiana to navy officer

BY MEGAN LEMLY, NAVY
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

Every sailor's story of naval service is unique. For Petty Officer 1st Class Lauren Green, this story began in Madison, Indiana, where skills and values learned there would be foundational to success in the Navy.

"My parents were good role models," Green said. They taught me to have a strong work ethic. Having a strong work ethic helps me in the Navy because I complete any job to the best of my ability."

Green graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 2010. She joined the Navy seven years ago.

"I joined the Navy because I wanted to travel and explore the world outside of my small hometown," Green said.

Today, Green serves as a master-at-arms in Oklahoma City. Green supports the nation's nuclear deterrence mission at Strategic Communications Wing One (STRATCOMMWING ONE). Its "Take Charge and Move Out" (TACAMO) mission provides airborne communication links to nuclear missile units of U.S. Strategic

Command.

The TACAMO mission originated in 1961 when a Marine Corps aircraft was used to test the feasibility of an airborne Very Low Frequency (VLF) communications system. Once the test was successful, funding for the program was granted, and it has continued to grow ever since.

The U.S. Navy's presence on an Air Force base in a landlocked state may seem strange, but the position is strategic, allowing squadrons to quickly deploy around the world in support of the TACAMO mission.

The U.S. Navy is celebrating its 250th birthday this year.

According to Navy officials, "America is a maritime nation and for 250 years, America's Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom."

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Green has many oppor-

tunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I am most proud of making petty officer first class," Green said. "It is hard as a master-at-arms to make E-6, let alone in seven years. So, that is something I am very proud of."

Green serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"Serving in the Navy keeps me grounded and out of trouble," Green said. "It also gives me purpose, drive and goals to aim for."

Green is grateful to others for helping make her Navy career possible.

"I want to thank my mom, Jana Birge, and stepdad, Gary Birge, for their support ever since I decided to enlist," Green said. "My stepdad was also in the Navy, and he always gives me good advice. I want to thank my dad, Ronnie Green, as well, for supporting me. Lastly, of course, I want to thank my wife, Alexis, for being down to move everywhere. She is my biggest supporter, and she has always encouraged me throughout my career."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

First Day Hike

Clifty Falls State Park
Thursday, Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
Meet at the pool at 10 a.m. on Jan. 1 for a 1 ½ hour rugged hike to explore the canyons and ravines of Clifty Falls State Park. There are no restrooms at this location, so plan accordingly. In the event of snowy/icy weather, we will take an easier alternate route. Refreshments will be provided after the hike. Dress appropriately for the weather. If there is snow or ice, you will want to bring trekking poles and wear crampons on your shoes.

Opening Reception

Madison Area Arts Alliance, The SPOT, 326 Mulberry Street, Madison
Friday, Jan. 9, 5-8 p.m.
Views From the Intergalactic Synaptic Pathway: Works by Paul Hassfurder, A Retrospective" in the front gallery, and "Payne Hollow Inspirations: Works by Various Artists", including Eric Phagan, Bill Barnes, Kevin Carlson, Patty Cooper Wells, Marshall Falconberry, Jon Sebree, Jane Vonderheide, Zack Baxter, and Tamara Beach. Gallery talks at 6pm

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

331 East Main Street, Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second Street, Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

North Madison Christian Church Food Pantry

1400 East State Road 62
Saturday, Jan. 24, 8-10 a.m.
A food distribution at the church. Free with no qualifications.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity United Methodist Church
412 West Main Street, Madison
Mondays, 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need.
For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Hanover Senior Citizens Center

Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison Senior Citizens Center

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main Street on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

Cornelius wins place in Orr Fellowship 2026

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Brooklyn Cornelius, a 2022 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, has been named to Orr Fellowship's newest cohort for 2026.

Nearly 100 college seniors and recent graduates have been matched with leading Indiana-based partner companies and will begin their Fellowships upon graduation in January 2026 for December graduates and in June 2026 for May graduates.



Brooklyn Cornelius

Cornelius, a global health major at DePauw University, will work at Authentix, an Indianapolis based healthcare software company. Founded in 2001, Orr Fellowship recruits, assesses and matches university graduates with high-agency roles at growing Indiana businesses in Central and Southwest Indiana. Together, Orr Fellowship and its partner companies give graduates the professional development resources and support network they need

to accelerate their careers. The program boasts a network of nearly 700 alumni from universities across the U.S.

"We're thrilled to welcome this new group of highly motivated up-and-coming talent to Orr Fellowship," said Steven Emch, President of Orr Fellowship. "With these vetted, high-potential graduates, Orr partner companies gain dedicated, skilled employees who contribute significantly to their success and are more likely than their non-Orr peers to remain with the organization long-term."

Hanover College celebrates first OTD program graduates

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Forty-eight students earned a place in Hanover College history as the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program's first graduates last week.

"This is a solemn assembly with fancy robes and important words," Hanover College President Lake

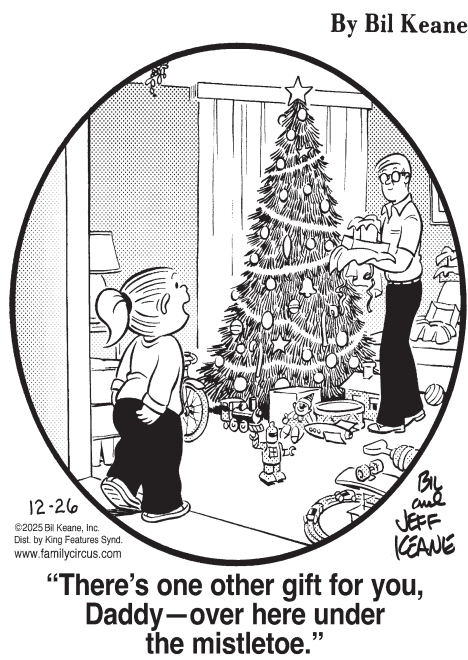
Lambert told the graduating class, their families, friends, and other guests in attendance. "But more importantly, it is a celebration — a celebration of what you have accomplished in the past and even more, a celebration of all that is yet ahead for you to do and accomplish."

Hanover's OTD program earned accreditation from

the Higher Learning Commission in 2022 and achieved candidacy status with Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education in 2023. The College's first cohort began classes in January 2024.

Among the inaugural graduates was Grace Alexandria Marshall-Slover of Lexington, Indiana.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



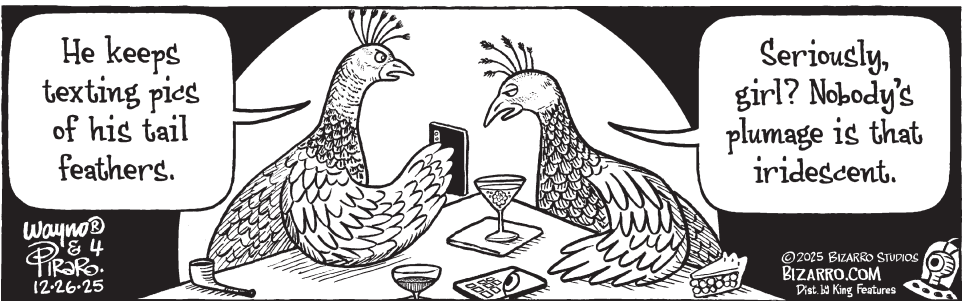
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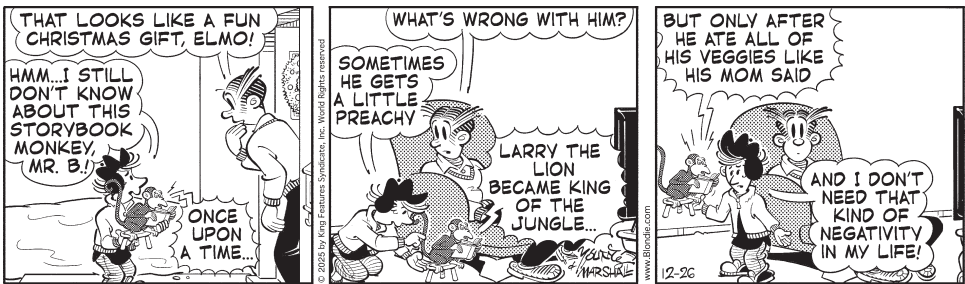
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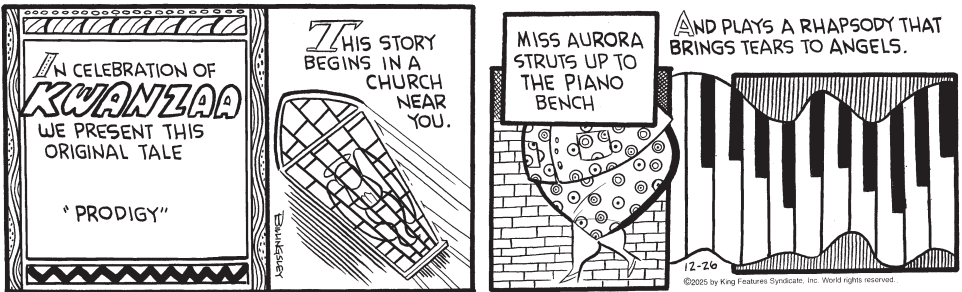
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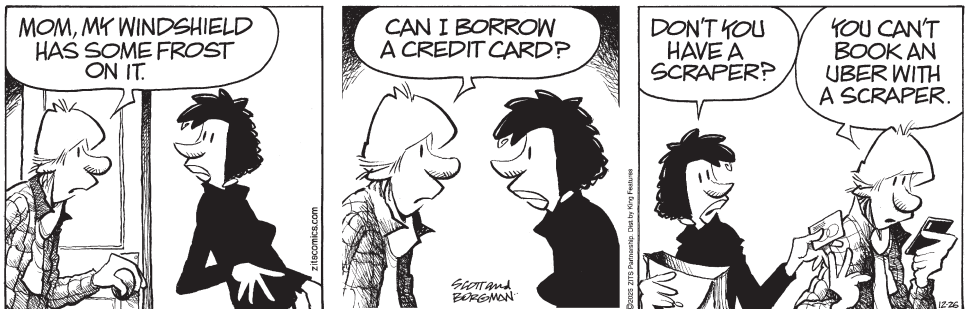
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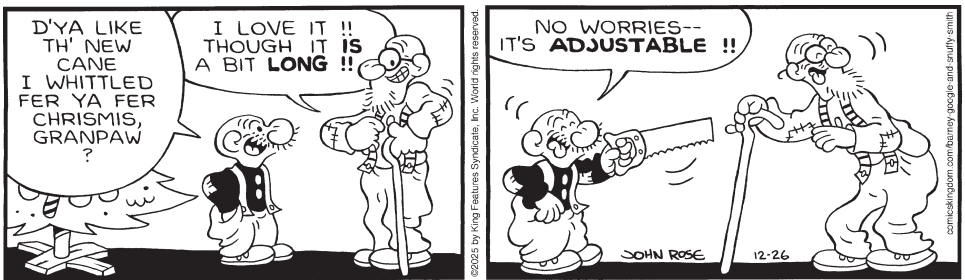
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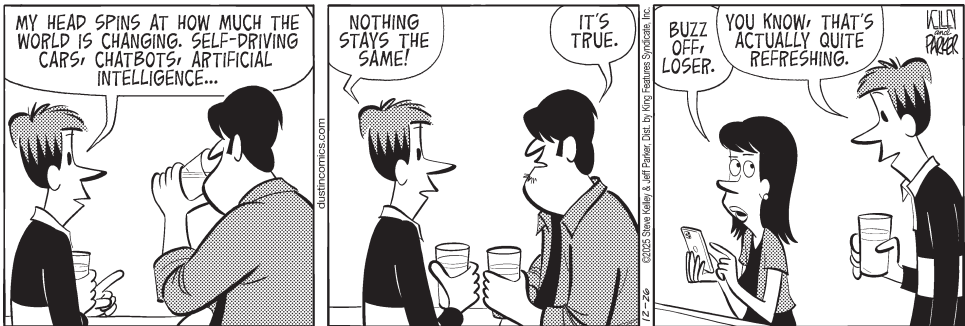
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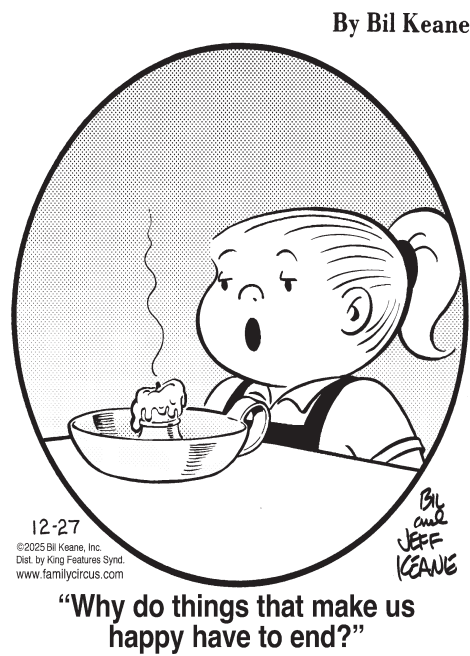
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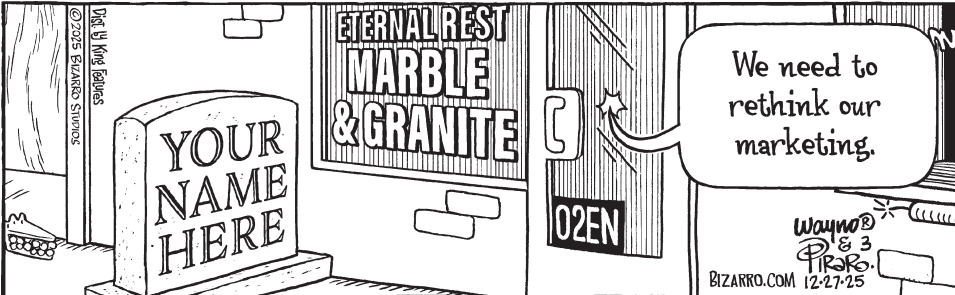
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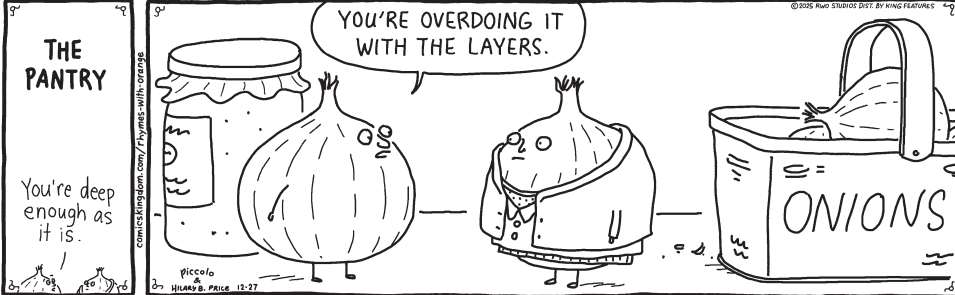
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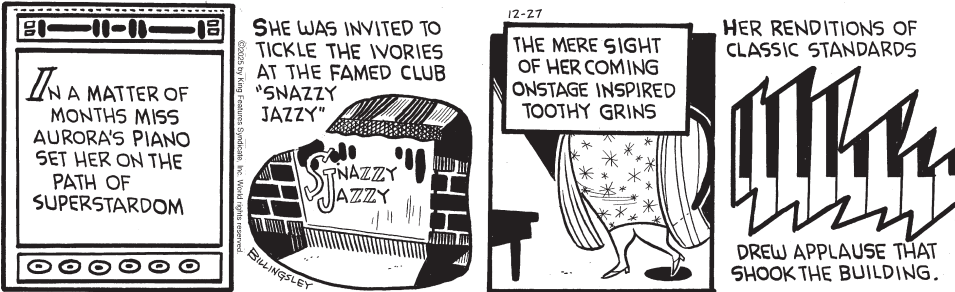
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town was pulsing with creativity.

“So one of my first missions with the Foundation was getting involved in the art scene and seeing how we could help. We did a lot in the early days of the Madison Area Arts Alliance, getting that funded and up and running.

“My next mission was to start creating art myself. Madison is so supportive and encouraging. You get the feeling anybody can do it, you don’t need a degree in art, you just need to jump in and try. In 2017 Kim Nyberg dared me to do a couple paintings for the Farm to Table show, so that got me going. But I didn’t really keep it up after that.

“But then in 2019 I had a choking incident, really a near death experience. And it got me taking stock of what I was doing in my life ... and what I was not doing. I was not painting enough, I decided. So that’s when I got serious and really devoted some time and energy into improving and growing as an artist. During Covid I painted one piece a week, and sold all 50 of them that year!

“They say you should paint what you love and know, and I’m really into birding, so half my paintings are birds. People seem to like them and most of my pieces sell. It’s so incredible to think about my art being enjoyed in someone else’s home. It’s a great feeling.

“My journey with art is just beginning. It’s like a discovery now with every new technique I try. I’ve been doing more things with the palette knife, exploring more realism, and changing up the color palette. If you’re an artist, really on any level of skill or training, Madison is the perfect place to be. You’ll find the support, the mentorship, and the outlets for displaying and selling your work. We couldn’t be happier!”



Charlie Rohlfing

Madison artist Bill Barnes HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

If you find yourself on Friday just coming down from your Christmas high of presents and food and family and you just need to get out of the house for a bit ... Indiana’s Music City has you covered. You’ll find live music at three places and karaoke at two. The scene at Vintage Lanes on Fridays with the jazz trio just keeps getting more and more popular as folks discover the hip and charming vibe, coupled with some really great wines and cocktails. And Jimmy Davis Band at Mad Paddle will be a loud and danceable party. So take your pick ... or do both, they are only about two blocks apart! Saturday is pretty much a Christmas-cookie cutter reprise, with fun live music in a few places and a bit of karaoke. It’s gonna be warm people, get out there!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE Friday, Dec. 26

Central Hotel – No Hype
Vintage Lanes – Jazz (7-9 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Jimmy Davis Band (8 p.m.)
TailGators – DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE! – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 27

Thomas Family Winery – Billy, Jimmy & Friends (7 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Six Ways to Sunday (8 p.m.)
TailGators – The Mood (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE! – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 28

Vintage Lanes – Stan Acoustic Holiday (6-8 p.m.)

PARK

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County to be used for John Paul Park.

In 2023, Beall and other DAR members began working to revive Keller’s plans. “We’ve been taking incremental steps but now we’re at the point where we’re going to have to start fundraising, and plans get finalized, and this becomes very real,” said Beall.

There are two phases of engineering and design work — one is completed and one is in progress that will determine final plans and the cost of rehabilitating the park. The costs for implementation will be paid through donations, sponsorships and grants with work done in phases while fundraising continues.

“It’s definitely a multi-million dollar project,” said Beall.

She expects work will initially focus on erosion along the hillside between the upper part of the park and the lower ballfield, a phase that is expected to be the most costly. “That will be massive construction,” Beall said, adding work will also include developing seating for spectators and ADA compliant pathways between the two levels.

Because the hillside is so steep, Beall said it is impossible to mow, resulting in the area being overtaken by high weeds and brush “so it looks ugly.” More significantly, ongoing erosion of the hillside will gradually take out more of the upper part of the park. “It will keep eating back over time. I know it’s moved back since I was a kid,” she said.

Beall said it doesn’t make sense to invest in improvements on the upper part of the park until the hillside’s issues are addressed, noting that investing there would be wasted if the hillside continues to erode.

The origins of John Paul Park, located on the north side of Third Street between Vine and Mill streets, dates back more than 200 years. The land was donated in 1823 by Madison’s founder, John Paul, to serve as a city cemetery. By the early 1900s, the cemetery had fallen into disrepair, and the DAR obtained permission from the City Council to take ownership of the land and transform the neglected site into a public park, relocating several grave sites in the process. In 1904, the land was officially dedicated as a city park.

Trees were planted to mark the transformation from a cemetery to a public green space including varieties donated from each of the original 13 colonies. In 1907, the city deeded additional adjoining land to the DAR, including an area where Crooked Creek once ran. The creek was straightened, and the land was prepared



Bob Demaree

The overgrown hillside overlooking the ballfield at John Paul Park in downtown Madison. The park, a former cemetery established in 1823, is Madison’s oldest park property and slated for a major revitalization to clean up, repair and address issues like erosion. Fundraising will resume this coming year as plans are developed for what that work will involve.



Bob Demaree

In a photo taken earlier this year, Madison Parks Department Superintendent of Grounds Christian Hanson points to the overgrown rock wall on the hillside of John Paul Park. Hanson didn’t know the rock wall existed until it was uncovered during a recent park cleanup day by the John Paul Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution.

for a ballfield.

East of the ballfield was a playground on Fourth Street, where Sue Livers said Black children would play. In the early years of Miss Madison in the 1960s, the boat shop was located in a block building area between that playground and the ballfield.

Beall said plans for the park include a pollinator garden to honor Keller for her passion for John Paul Park. There are also plans for improved public parking, installation of restrooms, improved ballfield facilities and signage to document and share the park’s evolution in Madison’s history.

Keller’s daughter, Tracy Keller Green, said her mother developed a connection to John Paul Park because she grew up attending nearby First Baptist Church on Vine Street on a corner across from the park.

Later in her life, as Keller became involved with DAR, that increased her enthusiasm for the park even more. “She wanted to revitalize the park, and make it more accessible to the community, and bring it alive again,” said Green.

In 2004, in anticipation of John Paul Park’s 100th anniversary celebration, Keller was quoted in The Madison Courier: “We would like to see John Paul Park become one of Madison’s treasures for all the citizens of Madison and all the generations to come.”

As the DAR continues on the journey to revitalize John Paul Park, public input is encouraged. Anyone wanting to share ideas and input on the park can email the DAR at johnpauldar1902@gmail.com.

Will a Diverse Retirement Plan Deliver Peace of Mind This Holiday Season?



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad Retirement Planning/Wealth Management

The end of the year brings traditions, cheer, and perhaps a moment to reflect on your financial health. As you look forward to the promise of the new year, the question remains: Are your retirement savings protected from the forces of inflation and market volatility? Since 2000, the U.S. dollar has lost an incredible 44.2% of its purchasing power, and while recent inflationary pressures may have cooled slightly, the damage is done. High prices and economic uncertainty mean that for retirees, the concept of diversification is no longer a “nice idea”—it is an absolute necessity.

Developing a strategic “hybrid” retirement plan is essential to avoid every retiree’s most dreaded scenario: outliving their savings. Multiple asset classes, particularly those that offer cash flow and guarantees, are the key to thriving in an increasingly volatile financial landscape.

Gifting Yourself the Gift of Security: How to Diversify

Proper diversification and risk reduction are the cornerstones of a well-designed, customized financial plan. There are no shortcuts or “one-size-fits-all” templates. Your portfolio allocation should be as unique as your holiday traditions.

To build this resilient plan,

retirees and those nearing retirement should consider several potential sources of income streams, each offering distinct benefits and risks:

1. Social Security: A Trusty Stocking Stuffer
Social Security is a dependable income source, but it should never be regarded as your sole source of retirement money. In 2025, the average retired worker benefit is insufficient to meet most retirees’ needs. Treat it as a dependable base layer, not the entire retirement gift.
2. Fixed Instruments: The Return of the Bond
Debt instruments that pay fixed amounts of interest, such as bonds, Certificates of Deposit (CDs), and money market funds, are critical components of a diverse retirement blueprint. Today’s Update: Thanks to the Federal Reserve’s actions to combat inflation, interest rates have dramatically increased. This means that fixed instruments—which were nearly worthless during the low-rate decade—now offer genuinely competitive, guaranteed returns. They provide reliable income, with the principal returning to the investor upon maturity.
3. The Stock Market: High Risk, High Reward
While the market offers the highest potential for long-term growth, recent volatility makes it clear that such growth comes with significant risk. The Current Challenge: You must clarify precisely how much risk you are willing to take and, crucially, whether you have the time to recover from any potential downturns. Retirees could find they must withdraw significant amounts of cash when stock prices are down, leading to faster and more severe depletion of their retirement savings. Be sure you consult with a knowledgeable financial planner to determine whether you have the right amount of money invested in growth stocks.
4. “Safe Money” Vehicles: Building the Foundation
Safe money products, such as certain types of permanent life insurance and annuities, are the cornerstone of a sound retirement. Instead of adding these proven products as afterthoughts, it makes sense to build your portfolio around them.

Owning risk-averse, tax-advantaged products, many of which provide guaranteed income streams, will help you in several ways:

Predictability: You can plan better, knowing you have a guaranteed, predictable income source, allowing your other assets (like stocks) to remain invested and recover from market dips.

Principal Protection: Unlike stocks and mutual funds, your principal is protected from market losses.

Tax Advantages: Safe money products like annuities and life insurance also have unique tax deferral advantages that other cash management tools lack.

A New Year’s Resolution for Your Finances

The goal isn’t to be a financial Scrooge, hoarding every penny, but to be a wise steward of your wealth. Financial mistakes can be detrimental to your happiness when you no longer work.

The good news is that taking advantage of viable alternatives to traditional planning and creating a safer, more robust “hybrid” portfolio can help you avoid those mistakes.

Before committing to any investment, speak to a trusted advisor who will tell you the TRUTH about money and your risk tolerance, not just tries to sell you a product. Give yourself and your family the ultimate gift this holiday season: the peace of mind that comes from a secure financial future.

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Sports

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: Anderson takes over early in 72-34 win at Trimble

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Anderson County took control in the first quarter and rolled to a 72-34 win at Trimble County on Monday in boys basketball.

The Bearcats led 21-11 after the first quarter and never looked back while improving to 10-2 on the season.

Freshman Drake Pennix scored 14 points to lead Trimble while Silas Sandusky had six points and Leo Rodriquez scored five.

Trimble, now 1-7 on the season, plays in the Rumble on the River Tournament at Shawe beginning on Friday. The Raiders face Rising Sun at 4:50 p.m. Friday and then on Saturday, Trimble takes on Columbus Christian at 10:30 a.m. and Shawe at 6:20 p.m.

CARROLL PICKS UP WINS

Carroll County boys basketball scored wins over Williamstown

and Francis Parker in the final games of the Carroll County Christmas Classic earlier this week.

The Panthers beat Williamstown 58-38 on Monday and then knocked off Francis Parker 59-29 on Tuesday to complete a 3-0 run in the tournament.

Carroll County's Jackson Kyle was named player of the game in the win over Williamstown and the Panthers' Matthew Biggin was received that recognition for the win over Francis Parker. Carroll had beaten Robertson County 72-47 on Saturday when the Panthers' Blake Webster was recognized.

No details from the games were available.

In other scores from the tourney, Francis Parker beat Williamstown 52-36, DeSales beat Ryle 72-55, Bullitt East beat Waggener 50-43 and Eminence beat Calvary Christian 58-47 on Saturday. On

Monday, South Dearborn (IN) defeated Bullitt Central 72-70, Dixie Heights beat Fern Creek 51-46, and DeSales beat Gallatin County 72-54. Tuesday's other games were Lloyd Memorial over Fern Creek 53-50, DeSales over South Dearborn 63-50 and Bullitt Central over Gallatin County 64-28.

Carroll, now 5-4 on the season, returns to action on Monday, Jan. 5 when it hosts Louisville Collegiate.

PACERS FALL TO BROWN CO.

Switzerland County boys basketball lost 90-61 at Brown County on Tuesday.

No details for the game were available.

Switzerland, now 0-7 on the season, hosts the Switzerland County Invitational starting on Monday. The Pacers will play Franklin County in the first game at 9:30 a.m.



David Campbell

Trimble County's Briley Clifford points out defenses during the Raiders' loss to Anderson County at home on Monday.

Myers-Drabyn played for team inducted by Belmont HOF

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Former Madison basketball standout Brittany Myers-Drabyn has been inducted into the Belmont University Athletic Hall of Fame along with members of the Bruins' 2007 women's basketball team from her junior season.

The Hall of Fame induction took place on the Belmont campus in Nashville Dec. 13.

Belmont's 2007 team was 25-7 and won the 2007 Atlantic Sun Conference regular season and tournament championships, earning the distinction of making Belmont women's basketball's first trip in school history to the Division I Women's Basketball National Tournament. It was also a season that laid the foundation for future program success and Belmont has since won league championships and made NCAA appearances in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022.

Myers arrived at Belmont after a storied high-school basketball career at Madison where she was named Madison's Female Athlete of the Year her senior year and set or reset more than a dozen basketball school records including career scoring. She also competed in track & field and was a golfer on Madison's sectional champion team that competed in the 2002 IHSA State Finals.

Myers said playing at Madison and in the tough Hoosier Hills Conference prepared her well for Division I basketball at Belmont. While at Madison, she earned Hoosier Hills Basketball All Conference 1st Team in 2022, 2023, 2024 and led the league in scoring all three years.

She was a 2003 Wendy's High School Heisman Top 10 Indiana Finalist, a 2003



Handout

Brittany Myers-Drabyn in action when she played for Belmont women's basketball.

Indiana Basketball Junior All Sta, a 2004 2nd Team All State in Women's Basketball by Hoosier Basketball Magazine, a 2004 1st Team IHSA Academic All State for Basketball, a 2004 IHSA Academic All State honorable mention for golf, a 2004 Adidas All Star Girls Basketball Report Top 100 guards in the USA, a 2004 Indiana Women's Basketball Gatorade Player of the Year honorable mention and was named to Street & Smith's All-American Team for the Class of 2004 honorable mention.

Myers' college career was hampered by injuries — a

knee surgery before her freshman year and a back surgery before her senior year — but each time she rehabbed and was back on the court with her Bruin teammates the next season.

"Coach (Tony) Cross was going to red shirt me my freshman year because of my ACL surgery. However, I recovered quickly and when two upperclassmen went down with season-ending injuries, he asked me to start playing in games at mid-season (giving up my red shirt)," Myers said. "I came off the bench my freshman

and sophomore seasons. It

was an adjustment going from high school and playing nearly every minute to coming off the bench in college, but when you are playing D1 basketball, everyone on your team plays at a high-level.

"During the off season after my sophomore year, I did all I could to get better. I shot more baskets, got stronger in the weight room, and worked harder to understand Coach Cross's system. Coach Cross valued experienced players who could teach his system to the younger players. I planned to be ready for my

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Crawford, Vaughn pick up wins in Floyd swim invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's Natalee Crawford and Shawe's Matthew Vaughn each picked up wins in the Floyd Central Swim Invitational on Saturday.

Crawford won the girls 100-yard butterfly in 1:02.55 and the 100 backstroke in 1:01.22 while Vaughn won the boys 50 freestyle in 22.87. Vaughn also placed third in the 100 freestyle in 50.19.

Other finishes for Southwestern's girls were:

Natalee Crawford, Haylee Crawford, Riley Crawford, Alexis Dean-Wells, second, 400 free relay, 4:27.45; Riley Crawford, third, 50 free, 28.59 and fifth, 100 free, 1:04.99; Natalee Crawford, Haylee Crawford, Riley Crawford and Adalei Watson, fourth, 200 medley relay, 2:18.04; Dean-Wells, seventh, 200 free, 2:40.84 and seventh, 500 free, 7:14.26; Haylee Crawford, seventh, 100 free, 1:06.60 and seventh, 100

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 26 BASKETBALL

Trimble Co. boys vs. Columbus Christian, Rising Sun, Rumble on the River at Shawe, 10:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.
Shawe boys host Carroll Co., Rumble on the River at Shawe, 6:40 p.m.
Southwestern girls vs. Northeastern, Hauser Tourney, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 27 BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys vs. Rising Sun, Columbus Christian Rumble on the River at Shawe, 11 a.m., 2:40 p.m.
Shawe boys host Eminence, Trimble Co., Rumble on the River at Shawe, 12:50 p.m., 6:20 p.m.
Southwestern girls, Hauser Tourney, TBA

WRESTLING

Madison girls, Beech Grove Classic, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28

No local events

Monday, Dec. 29 BASKETBALL

Switzerland Co. boys hosts Franklin Co., Switzerland Co. Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
Switzerland Co. girls vs. West Washington, Shawe, Austin Tourney, noon, 6 p.m.
Shawe girls vs. West Washington, Switzerland Co., Austin Tourney, 3 p.m., 6 p.m.
Madison girls vs. Eastern (Pekin), Scottsburg Tourney, 4:15 p.m.
Southwestern boys vs. Brownstown, Paoli, Jefferson Co. Invite at Madison, 11 a.m., 6:20 p.m.
Madison boys hosts Christian Academy, River City, Jefferson Co. Invite at Madison, 12:50 p.m., 8 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls vs. Estill Co., Garrard Co. Classic, 2:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys vs. Pineville, Pineville Classic, 5:15 p.m.
Hanover men vs. Wisconsin-Platteville at Wooster, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls vs. Iroquois, Pam Browning Classic, 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Hanover men, Wooster Tournament, TBA
Madison girls, Scottsburg Tourney, TBA
Madison, Southwestern boys, Jefferson Co. Invite at Madison, TBA
Shawe, Switzerland Co. girls, Austin Tourney, TBA
Switzerland Co. boys, Switzerland Co. Tourney, TBA
Trimble Co. boys vs. Jackson Co., Pineville Classic, 1:45 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls at Garrard Co., Garrard Co. Classic, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls vs. N/A, Pam Browning Classic, 8:15 p.m.

WRESTLING

Switzerland Co. boys, Connorsville Classic, 8 a.m.

Indiana's Cignetti and Alabama's DeBoer reflect on stints as assistants at each other's schools

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana coach Curt Cignetti reflects on his time as an Alabama assistant coach nearly every day.

He believes his four seasons working with Nick Saban helped him learn how to prioritize organization, avoid complacency and maintain high standards. In fact, Cignetti thinks it's a primary reason he's preparing for his first Rose Bowl as a head coach.

Alabama coach Kalen DeBoer feels similarly about the one season he spent at Indiana. He developed tight bonds there with fellow staff members who eventually followed him to Tuscaloosa

and helped orchestrate the 11th-ranked Crimson Tide's impressive comeback at No. 8 Oklahoma last weekend.

On New Year's Day, Cignetti, the two-time AP Coach of the Year, will square off against Saban's replacement in Pasadena, California, vying off for a spot in the College Football Playoff semifinals — against the schools that helped put them on this stage.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without my time under Nick," Cignetti said Monday. "We had great years there. We took over a team (that was 6-7), we went 7-6 and 12-0 the next year in the regular season. We fell short in the SEC (title) game to (Tim) Tebow and Florida and Urban (Meyer), then had a rematch

the next year and beat them and won the national championship at the Rose Bowl."

Cignetti was already an established assistant coach when Saban hired him following the 2006 season. The Pittsburgh native had more than two decades of Football Bowl Subdivision experience and a track record any national championship contender would want.

In three seasons at Rice, Cignetti helped Mark Comalander, future NFL draft pick Donald Hollas and Quantis Roper all finish their careers among the five most productive quarterbacks in school history. Cignetti did the same with Matt Baker at Temple, and by the time his

six-year tenure at Pittsburgh ended, five of the Panthers' top 10 in career passing yards had worked with Cignetti.

Then it was off to North Carolina State, where Cignetti connected with his star pupil, Philip Rivers, an Alabama native and four-year starter who beat the Hoosiers in his second career game. So when Saban needed someone with a penchant for finding and developing quarterbacks, Cignetti seemed like a natural — even if he was coaching Alabama's receivers. The personal connections didn't hurt, either.

"I've watched Curt grow as a coach in every one of

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Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti celebrates with Indiana University President Pamela Whitten after the Big Ten championship NCAA college football game against Ohio State in Indianapolis, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025.

Louisville fends off Toledo 27-22 in Boca Raton Bowl

BY TIM REYNOLDS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Miller Moss took a knee to run out the clock on Louisville’s season, then flipped the ball to an official. The official had the presence of mind to flip it right back to Moss. After all, he earned the souvenir. Moss closed his college career by throwing for 153 yards and two touchdowns, Isaac Brown ran for a pair of scores — including a 53-yarder in the final minutes — and Louisville topped Toledo 27-22 in the Boca Raton Bowl on Tuesday. “Really happy for this group of guys that we were able to finish the season off the way that we did,” Moss said. “On to the next journey, but I’m really grateful for this chapter in my life.” Keyjuan Brown rushed for 112

yards, Treyshun Hurry and Antonio Meeks had touchdown catches and Moss completed 16 of 24 passes for the Cardinals (9-4), who survived a wild fourth quarter to finish their season with back-to-back wins. Toledo (8-5) got three points from its first eight possessions, then scored 17 points in three possessions in the fourth — nearly rallying from an 18-point deficit. Avery Smith ran a blocked extra point back for 2 points with 5:03 left, and Chip Trayanum scored on a 3-yard run on the ensuing possession to get the Rockets within 27-22. “It’s been like that for us all year,” Moss said. “We’ve been in dogfights all year.” Kalieb Osborne completed 17 of 28 passes for 167 yards and a touchdown for Toledo, which played under an interim coach, Robert Weiner, after Jason Candle departed for UConn earlier this month.

The Toledo comeback bid started in the fourth. Jacob Peterson caught a 26-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-11; he made the catch around the Louisville 5 and took three defenders with him into the end zone with 10:42 left. The 2-point conversion got Toledo within 21-11. A 50-yard field goal by Robert Hammond III got the Rockets within 21-14, but Louisville kept the lead the rest of the way. “Proud of our team,” Louisville coach Jeff Brohm said. “We finished strong. We didn’t play perfect, but we played hard, we played tough, we played to the end.” Osborne got his first start, with regular starter Tucker Gleason — who played for Weiner at Plant High School in Tampa — out with a pair of fractures in his back. Gleason was with the Rockets as an assistant coach of sorts for

the bowl trip. “Any chance I can get to come to Florida, I’m going to come to Florida,” Gleason said. “I’ve been in college for six years. I feel like I’ve got so much knowledge that if I wasn’t at least going to try to pass down that knowledge to some of the younger guys in the room not only am I doing myself a disservice but I’m doing them a disservice.”

TAKEAWAYS

Louisville: The game had extra significance for the Cardinals. Florida Atlantic’s home stadium exists largely because Howard Schnellenberger — who resurrected the Miami program when he took over as coach 1979 and later coached at Louisville for 10 seasons — wanted it built. Schnellenberger was FAU’s initial coach and the field is named in his honor.

UP NEXT

Louisville: The Cardinals’ 2026 opener is set for Sept. 5 or 6 against Mississippi, at the Tennessee Titans’ stadium in Nashville. Toledo: The Rockets are set to open next season at Michigan State in the debut for new Toledo coach Mike Jacobs and new Spartans coach Pat Fitzgerald — the former Northwestern coach.

UK building roster for '26 and beyond

BY JOSEPH RUSSELL
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

With the NCAA transfer portal window set to open in less than two weeks, new Kentucky football head coach Will Stein has been hard at work building his roster for the future — but he’s far from finalizing the Wildcats’ players for 2026. Stein, who’s still serving as Oregon’s offensive coordinator through the Ducks’ run in the College Football Playoff, wasted little time getting to work despite pulling double duty over the past three weeks. Kentucky is expected to dip heavily into the transfer portal to fill out the depth chart for next fall, especially since the Cats are expected to lose players to the portal and the NFL after the dismissal of former coach Mark Stoops. The window for current player movement is open from Jan. 2-16, followed by a late signing period in February in which UK can add high school recruits.

But Stein isn’t starting from scratch. Kentucky still holds signatures from 14 incoming players from the JUCO and high school ranks, led by four-star wide receiver Kenny Darby and four-star quarterback Matt Ponatoski. Darby, a 6-foot, 175-pound Louisiana native, decommitted from LSU on Dec. 2 and landed in Lexington just a few days later. As a senior this season, he recorded 83 receptions for 1,124 yards and eight touchdowns, along with 51 rushes for 547 yards and nine touchdowns. Ponatoski, a 6-1, 195-pounder who will also play baseball at UK, committed to the Cats in July and later signed even after Stoops was fired. This season, the Cincinnati Moeller star threw for 2,402 yards and 28 touchdowns with one interception. Darby leads an incoming group of receivers that also includes three-star Dallas Dickerson from Bogart, Georgia; three-star Denairius

Gray from Hollywood, Florida; three-star Prince Jean from Valdosta, Georgia; and three-star Davis McGray from San Antonio, Texas. Much like his attitude on the field, Stein’s recruiting recipe is a tactic that’s paid off — and it’s a simple formula. “I think it all starts at the high school ranks, I really do,” he said. “I think the first thing that we have to win is Kentucky, win this state. When Kentucky is at its best, the best players in the state play for the Wildcats. It always starts in high school. You build your roster out and manage it according to your numbers, according to where your needs are. “The portal is a great supplemental tool. It’s not the end-all, be-all, but I would like to think it always starts with high school ranks. That’s where your development happens, retention. That’s where you get to know these people the best, their parents, the people that matter to them. Then they want to stay at your university longer.”

If No. 5 Oregon beats No. 4 Texas Tech in the Orange Bowl quarterfinal, the semifinals will be held Jan. 8-9, with the CFP National Championship Game set for Jan. 19. Despite landing his “dream job” at UK, Stein’s loyalty to the Ducks never wavered. He aims to bring that same mindset to Kentucky. “I wouldn’t be the position I am without these players, these coaches, without (head coach Dan Lanning),” Stein said before the playoffs began. “I mean, I would feel like a complete fraud if I left these guys throughout this playoff run and this opportunity in front of us to coach in Auzen another time. “We poured so much of our lives, so much of our time, our family’s time into this team and this program. Coach Lanning gave me an opportunity from UTSA. The last thing I would ever do would be leave these players.”

Indiana's Cignetti becomes the first back-to-back winner of AP coach of the year

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

Indiana’s Curt Cignetti exceeded expectations again this season and it earned him a second consecutive honor as The Associated Press coach of the year in college football. Cignetti is the first coach to win the award in back-to-back years since it was first presented in 1998. He is the fourth coach to win it twice, joining Brian Kelly, Gary Patterson and Nick Saban. The 64-year-old Cignetti is 24-2 while leading the Hoosiers to unprecedented heights in his two seasons since leaving James Madison of the Championship Subdivision to take over what had been the losingest program in major college football. Last year, the Hoosiers won their first 10 games, were ranked as high as No. 5 in the AP Top 25, and reached the first round of the College Football Playoff. He outdid himself this year, showing his smashing debut was not a one-off. Indiana is 13-0, Big Ten champion for the first time since 1967, No. 1 in the AP poll for the first time and the top seed for the CFP. He also is coach of Indiana’s first Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback Fernando Mendoza, the AP player of the year. Cignetti was a landslide winner for coach of the year in voting by the nationwide panel of 52 media members

who cover college football. Cignetti received 47 first-place votes. Texas Tech’s Joey McGuire and Vanderbilt’s Clark Lea received two each, and Virginia’s Tony Elliott got one. The magnitude of Cignetti’s work at Indiana can’t be overstated. In 2022, the Hoosiers became the first Bowl Subdivision program to reach 700 all-time losses. They entered this season with 714, a figure that still stands, and they’ve since been passed by Northwestern (717) for the dubious FBS mark. In a program that had never won more than nine games in a season before Cignetti’s arrival, the Hoosiers have double-digit wins for a second straight year and completed a regular season without a loss for the first time. Cignetti had said before last week that his program was chasing Ohio State in recruiting and on the field. The 13-10 win over the Buckeyes in the Big Ten championship game marked another milestone. “It’s another step we need to take as a program,” he said after the game. “It’s a great win, obviously. And we’re going to go in the playoffs as the No. 1 seed. And a lot of people probably thought that wasn’t possible. But when you get the right people and you have a plan and they love one another and play for one another and they commit, anything’s possible.”

Wilkerson scores 23 points, DeVries notches double-double to lead Indiana 81-60 past Siena

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Lamar Wilkerson poured in 23 points, Tucker DeVries secured a double-double, and Indiana beat Siena 81-60 on Monday. Wilkerson was 7-of-15 shooting with seven rebounds and four assists, and notched a ninth-straight game with double-digit scoring. He’s scored at least 18 points in each of the Hoosiers’ last four home games. DeVries had 16 points and 11

rebounds. Tayton Conerway also had 16 points on 6-of-10 shooting, while Nick Dorn was 3 of 6 from 3-point territory and scored 11. The Hoosiers (10-3) opened the game on an 11-0 run, and closed the first half on an 8-0 run to take a 46-20 lead into the break. Wilkerson provided 19 points and DeVries had 12 in the half. Francis Folefac had 19 points and a couple of blocks for the Saints (9-4) before fouling out with 4:12

remaining. Gavin Doty had 16 points, six rebounds and two steals. Christian Jones added 10 points and Antonio Chandler had nine points and pulled down 12 rebounds to go with three steals. After exchanging 3-pointers to open the second half, the Saints went on a 16-5 run to trim a 26-point deficit to 15 with 11:21 remaining. That was as close as it would get in the second half. It was the first meeting between the teams.

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junior year,” she said. The Lady Bruins were loaded for her 2006-2007 junior season with power-forward Alysha Clark, the Atlatic Sun Conference freshman of the year, back for her second season at Belmont before going on to win three WNBA championships as a pro. “We had height, speed, shooting, and Alysha,” said Myers. “Alysha could do it all! We were two deep at every position and ready to compete. I was getting a lot more playing time and ended up starting most of the season

at point guard. Point guard was not my normal position, but that’s where they needed me,” The Bruins won 16 of their last 18 games en route to the conference championship and trip to the 2007 NCAA tourney. “I’ll never forget this group of girls. They were truly special, on and off the court. We were constantly traveling across the country to play games and had to stay on top of our schoolwork,” Myers said. “Being a student athlete when playing D-1 sports forces you to be a good time manager and our girls did a great job of that. Belmont University won the Atlantic Sun Conference All Academic Trophy three out

of the four years I attended Belmont. That includes all men’s and women’s athletic teams’ GPAs. Our girls made a strong contribution to that GPA, every year. Now, two decades removed from her playing days, Myers-Drabyn remains close to the sport. She is married to Steve Drabyn, a former basketball standout at Belmont University and 2021 Belmont HOF inductee, who is the head men’s coach at Bethel University in Mishawaka, Indiana. They have four children — Grayson, Ava, Chloe, and Lily — and live near South Bend where Brittany, the daughter of Chris and Nancy Myers, is an occupational therapist.



Brittany Myers-Drabyn (5) and Belmont's 2007 women's basketball team that was inducted into the university's Hall of Fame Dec. 15.

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back, 1:16.75; Watson, ninth,

200 free, 2:43.74 and ninth, 500 free, 7:19.07; and Molly Bruce, 14th, 50 free, 39.16 and 14th, 100 free, 1:30.00. Southwestern's Shane Hardy placed ninth in the

boys 50 freestyle in 29.01 and ninth in the 100 freestyle in 1:06.68. Southwestern and Shawe both swim at Switzerland County on Thursday, Jan. 8.

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Pitino supported Pope's moves, knows UK needed injured guys

BY MARK MATHIS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

It was a good thing to be patient with Jayden Quaintance coming back from an ACL injury last basketball season.

The 6-foot-11 big man took the court for the University of Kentucky for the first time this season when the Wildcats beat St. John's 78-66 in the CBS Sports Classic on Saturday afternoon in Atlanta.

Quaintance had 10 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots in 18 minutes, which were restricted by UK staff.

"Yeah, JQ is on the way back, so for us it's going to be like how do we feel in the morning," Pope said in Atlanta. "That's just going to be the way it is. His health is so good right now, but it's going to be a matter of how does he feel in the morning and where we do we go from here.

"We have a huge game on Tuesday and then we have a break where we have a whole solid week plus of practice where we'll be able to roll in that game. But I think the minute restriction will work its way out relatively quickly."

UK hosted Bellarmine in that weekday afternoon Christmas Eve eve game at Rupp Arena before breaking for the holidays.

It looked like a return to the old days of Catlanta, with UK erasing deficits to beat Rick Pitino's team in his first meeting with former 1996 team captain Mark Pope as the head man of the Wildcats.

UK folks in State Farm Arena were raising the roof with the first appearance as a Wildcat for Quaintance, the beast of an inside player who showed a few glimpses of what he could do for this ballclub.

The UK folks were also impressed with the resilience and toughness of point guard Jaland Lowe, who battled to stay in the game after banging up his injured shoulder in his first minute on the floor.

As noted, Quaintance



Darrell Bird/Cats Pause

Kentucky Coach Mark Pope talks with Jayden Quaintance next to the bench against Bellarmine on Tuesday at Rupp Arena.

had some remarkable minutes in the UK win over St. John's. He could keep up with a ballhandler on the move full court, and in his first game back after eight months recovering from an ACL injury.

Quaintance thanked the Kentucky athletic training team, which made a rare appearance for the postgame press conference in Atlanta.

All of this was brought together with a couple of teaching moments for the media delivered by Pitino, who didn't look to be in the mood for a warm embrace when he met Pope for a millisecond at midcourt Saturday.

Pitino had a lot of praise for Lowe, Quaintance, and the captain of his 1996 Kentucky national championship squad.

"A big difference is the play when Lowe comes in the game, they're a different basketball team," Pitino said Saturday. "He

makes people better. He is very tough in pick-and-rolls.

"I think (Quaintance) a big-time basketball player. They're only going to get stronger with him and Lowe. But I think you all need to learn a little bit of a lesson as writers because you're expecting Kentucky to be this great basketball team with all those injuries. So you all need to learn a lesson because you can't be a great basketball team without two of your best players, with no point guard, no big men. So I think everybody really exaggerates one game or two games or three games. Kentucky got blown out and usually Kentucky doesn't get blown out of any game, okay.

"Mark did a brilliant thing. He came into the season thinking he had this great shooting team, and it's obvious that it's

probably just an average shooting team, and he said I'll change the whole mind-set. We're going to be a physical team. We're going to be a tough team, and they totally changed the personality of who they are.

"But you have to look at it when they come back, two gigantic pieces. So I think they'll be a very good basketball team. They're going to have to keep playing smash mouth basketball and play like that physical team, and I give Mark all the credit in the world because he's a big believer in finesse, big believer at shooting the three, and he says, look, hey, it's not working, let's change, man. So I give him an awful lot of credit."

The old coach encouraging the moves of his former player, sending a message to BBN all at the same time. Just like the old days in Catlanta.

Colts' late-season collapse puts them on cusp of missing playoffs

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Philip Rivers gave the Indianapolis Colts a chance Monday night.

Their defense did not. After a 48-27 loss to San Francisco, Colts coach Shane Steichen struggled to explain how his team allowed the 49ers to score so many points, accumulate 440 yards and never force a punt in a home game Indy desperately needed to win.

Instead, it's simply the next chapter in a late-season collapse that has left Indy's once-promising playoffs floundering.

"I told those guys in there, like, 'Shoot, we signed up for 17 of these things, and we've got a division opponent, and we're not out of this thing,'" Steichen said after the Colts lost their fifth straight. "Until they tell us we're done, we're freaking

fighting like crazy, and so we're going to come back in this week, get ready to work and be ready to go for Jacksonville at home."



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Clerk

Michelle Hicks, #22997-53
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services



TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2505-MF-000416 wherein U.S. Bank National Association was Plaintiff, and Aaron R. Ehlers, was Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Lot Number One (1) and four and one-half (4 1/2) feet off the west side of Lot Number Two (2) in Mouser Addition to the Town of North Madison, now City of Madison, Indiana. See Plat Book 1, Page 3A, (now New Plat Book 2, Page 3) in the Office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana.

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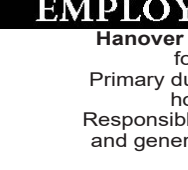
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ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF)
TERRY R. TURNER, DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2025, Diana K. Turner was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Terry R. Turner, deceased, who died on November 23, 2025. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 18th day of December 2025.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2512-EU-000094

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF)
LINDA PILCHER, DECEASED.)

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Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2025, Penelope Zuckschwerdt was appointed personal representative of the estate of Linda Pilcher, deceased, who died on November 20, 2025. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 18th day of December 2025.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE
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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in cause No. 39D01-2507-MF-000690, wherein NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing was Plaintiff, and Elden Theodore Jenkins was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in the said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local time of said day, at 1150 JA Berry Ln, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana:

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WNBA players union authorizes negotiators to call a strike if needed during CBA talks

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — WNBA players have authorized their union's executive council to call a strike if necessary, the union announced Thursday as it continues to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the league.

The WNBPA and league have been negotiating a new agreement for the past few months, extending the deadline a couple of times with the latest one set to expire Jan. 9. The move gives union negotiators another tool to use in talks.

"The players' decision is an unavoidable response to the state of negotiations with the WNBA and its teams," the union said in a statement. "Time and again, the players'

thoughtful and reasonable approach has been met by the WNBA and its teams with a resistance to change and a recommitment to the draconian provisions that have unfairly restricted players for nearly three decades."

The union said there was overwhelming support in the vote to allow the executive council to call for a strike when it sees fit. With 93% of players voting, 98% voted yes to authorize a strike if needed.

"The players' vote is neither a call for an immediate strike nor an intention to pursue one. Rather, it is an emphatic affirmation of the players' confidence in their leadership," the statement said.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

— Southwestern's Brady Cook and Natalee Crawford and Shawe's Matthew Vaughn have been named players of the week by the Ohio River Valley Conference.

Cook scored 35 points and 14 rebounds and 12 assists in two games for the Rebels to earn player of the week honors in boys basketball.

Crawford won the award in girls swimming with eight wins on the week.

Vaughn won the award in

boys swimming with six wins and three school records.

— Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference released named its Fall Sportsman-ship Teams and two athletes from Hanover College were recognized.

Omar Dizdar, a senior from Bardstown, Kentucky, was recognized for men's soccer and Natalie West, a sophomore from Evansville, Indiana, was named in women's volleyball.

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NASCAR's Keselowski breaks leg, expected to recover for Daytona 500

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR driver Brad Keselowski, a former series champion who is now co-owner of RFK Racing, broke his right leg while on a ski trip, the team announced Friday.

Keselowski underwent surgery Thursday and doctors have told him to expect a quick recovery that will have him back for the season-opening Daytona 500 in February. He is winless in 16 starts in the showcase race as he enters the final years of his driving career.

“Life has a way of reminding you to slow down,” Keselowski posted

on social media with photos of him in the hospital surrounded by his wife and children, an image of the break, and video of him using a walker. “Grateful for my family by my side, an excellent medical team, and the ability to take a few steps forward today. Focused on Daytona. Bonus — I'm now bionic!”

Keselowski did not reveal the extent of his injury, or what bones are broken.

Keselowski, who turns 42 just days before the Feb. 15 “Great American Race,” is entering his 17th full season of racing at the top Cup Series level. He spent the bulk of his career at Team Penske but purchased a stake in Roush Fenway

Racing in 2022 and became an owner/driver of the rebranded team.

The organization is reeling from Thursday's fatal plane crash that killed longtime Roush driver Greg Biffle and six others, including his wife and two children. Biffle had retired by the time Keselowski joined the team.

“First and foremost, our hearts remain heavy with the news of yesterday's tragic events,” the team said. “The RFK Racing family, as well as the NASCAR community, as a whole, continues to keep those close to The Biffle Family and all those affected in our thoughts. Albeit untimely, we feel that in the interest of transparency we share

RFK Racing co-owner and driver Brad Keselowski suffered a broken leg while on a ski trip with his family Thursday.”

The team called the surgery “routine” and said doctors expect a “a quick and full recovery.”

Keselowski broke his ankle in 2011 when he crashed during a test session and won a Cup Series race at Pocono just days later.

“I'm grateful to the medical team who took great care of me and for the support system around me,” Keselowski said in a statement. “I'm motivated to get back to full strength as quickly as possible and will work relentlessly to be ready for Daytona.”

Keselowski won the 2012 Cup

Series championship for Penske and has 36 career victories at NASCAR's top level. He won the Xfinity Series title in 2010 and 39 races in NASCAR's second-tier series. He has won one points-paying race since leaving Penske as he works to help rebuild RFK into the once-proud organization founded by Hall of Fame team owner Jack Roush.

Chase Elliott, NASCAR's most popular driver, missed six races in the 2023 season when he broke his leg in a snowboarding crash early in the season. Kyle Busch missed 11 races when he broke his leg in a crash at Daytona in 2015 but recovered to win the Cup championship that year.

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his stops since he left us," Saban said Monday. “You know, I used to coach for his dad. So I knew Curt when he was a high school quarterback. ... So we saw him grow and develop as a player and a coach, which has been really fun.”

After Alabama won a national title in Cignetti's fourth and final season as an assistant, he took on a new challenge — as head coach at Indiana University Pennsylvania, the same school where his father, Frank Sr., carved out a Hall of Fame coaching career.

“He had some questions about whether that would be a very good move for me. I was just ready to kind of run my own show,” Cignetti said, explaining Saban's reaction. “I was just ready for something different. I respected his opinion, but I decided to make the move.”

Over the next 15 seasons, Cignetti bounced from the Indiana in eastern Pennsylvania to Elon in North



Michael Conroy/AP Photo

Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti holds up the championship trophy after the Big Ten championship NCAA college football game against Ohio State in Indianapolis, Saturday, Dec. 6.

Carolina to James Madison in Virginia to Indiana University, never posting a losing season while presiding over the most successful transition of an FCS school to the FBS and now, perhaps, the greatest turnaround in FBS history.

In just two seasons, the Hoosiers won their first Big Ten title since 1967 and their first outright title since 1945; produced their first Heisman Trophy winner, Fernando Mendoza; and claimed the No. 1 ranking for the first

time. Indiana (13-0) enters the CFP as the top seed.

Cignetti insists none of it may have been possible without Saban's tutelage.

“I probably think about it every single day, because it had such a big impact in my growth and development,” Cignetti said of his years with the Crimson Tide. “I think philosophically, the program that we run here is probably a lot more the same than different than Alabama. There's probably not a day that goes by where



Alonzo Adams/AP Photo

Alabama head coach Kalen DeBoer speaks to a reporter after the first round of an NCAA College Football Playoff against Oklahoma, Saturday, Dec. 20, in Norman, Okla.

I don't draw from those experiences.”

And DeBoer, a former Indiana offensive coordinator, understands what Cignetti is talking about.

In 2019, DeBoer was working for a Hoosiers program on the rise under coach Tom Allen. Indiana finished that season at 8-5, providing DeBoer the launching pad to his first head coaching job at Fresno State. DeBoer then moved on to Washington, where he led the Huskies to the national

championship game following the 2023 season.

The Hoosiers were even better in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season when Nick Sheridan, now Alabama's quarterbacks coach, replaced DeBoer as the play-caller and Kane Wommack, now the Tide's defensive coordinator, was completing his second season in the same capacity with Indiana.

“He was doing everything he could to be a team player. Whatever it was, he was

willing to work to do whatever was best for our team, not just his side of the ball,” DeBoer said of Wommack. “I'm glad that he was a big part of me going there, trying to get me to Indiana. I'm glad he returned the favor and came here.”

Without DeBoer and Wommack, things fell apart quickly in Bloomington.

Allen endured three successive losing seasons, which led to his firing, the arrival of Cignetti, his infamous “Google me” quip and a transformation even the most loyal Hoosiers fans — including DeBoer — never saw coming.

DeBoer, like everyone else, has been impressed with what he's seen from his old school.

“I felt like when we were there, there was a growth, an investment that was happening and there was success in '19 that felt like you were getting over the hump,” DeBoer said. “But coach Cignetti has done a great job providing the spark, which really leads to people continuing to be all in. As you get more people all in, you get the moments that you're in right now.”

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